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Flat 2023 Final Property Tax Levy Approved

The Anoka County Board of Commissioners approved a flat final property tax levy during the board's meeting Dec. 2 — this was the third consecutive year the levy amount did not increase.

The strategic priorities of the 2023 proposed budget include transportation projects that enhance and protect lives by providing safe roads and eliminating congestion; human services initiatives to improve people's lives; a public safety focus that centers on protecting and serving the community in a manner that preserves public trust; addressing workforce needs so the county can attract and retain engaged, skilled staff to serve the public; and an emphasis on communication, so residents and staff are provided with clear, accurate information about county initiatives.

"I want to go on record by saying that I'm very proud of a flat levy, particularly during an inflationary period, where housing values skyrocketed, people's assessed values skyrocketed, the state shifted the tax burden from business to residential," said Scott Schulte, chair, Anoka County Board of Commissioners. "It was not easy for commissioners, and it wasn't easy for county staff — we directed them to do a lot of hard work. This year, residents have been taken aback when they've opened their property tax statements, but we'd like them to focus on the Anoka County portion — we held the levy flat because we knew it was tough times and we knew we had to work hard on our end to keep the county portion of property taxes down."

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More information about the 2023 levy and budget can be found at <https://anokacountymn.gov/283/Budget>.

Note: Anoka County only has authority over the county portion of the property tax bill; cities and school districts have their own taxing authority.

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